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## **State disciplines health care providers**

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

## **Benton County**

In July 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of **Katrina Marie Libengood** (NA60148513). She was convicted of possession of a controlled substance without a valid prescription, and five counts of burglary.

In July 2010 the Medical Commission modified the agreed order against physician **Clarence D. Washington** (MD00014637). He must comply with terms and conditions set against his Washington license.

## **Clark County**

In July 2010 the Registered Counselor and Chemical Dependency Professional Programs released **John D. Meade** (RC00056782, CP60068234) from terms and conditions, and terminated the order of probation against his registration and license.

## **Clallam County**

In July 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Jackie E. Huffman** (NC10097032) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to turn or check on a patient during the night as required.

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### **Cowlitz County**

In January 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program denied the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Nicholas Mathias Thomas Crapser** (CO60128236). He was convicted of theft of identity on more than one occasion, forgery on more than one occasion, theft on more than one occasion, failure to perform the duties of a driver, and racketeering.

### **King County**

In July 2010 the Mental Health Counselor Program granted the application of mental health counselor associate **Kathi Lee Buchanan** (MC60155168) and placed her license on probation for two years. In June 2010 her credential to practice as a registered counselor was placed on probation. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In July 2010 the Health Care Assistants Program charged **Kristen M. Carrara-McDonald** (HC00146233) with unprofessional conduct. She was charged with obtain or attempt to obtain a controlled substance by fraud, and entered into drug court in lieu of a hearing. In December 2009 her certification to practice as a nursing assistant was indefinitely suspended.

In July 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program charged **Cyndi M. King** (CP00004031) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to follow a court accepted treatment plan for a patient, submitted fraudulent documentation to a courtroom on the patient's treatment and recovery, and falsely testified in a courtroom on behalf of another patient on the patient's treatment and recovery. She also allegedly provided mental health counseling to two patients when she isn't credentialed to provide counseling.

### **Kitsap County**

In July 2010 the Medical Commission reinstated the license of physician **Charles M. Scott** (MD00023490). Dr. Scott's Washington license is unrestricted, but is now expired.

### **Pierce County**

In July 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Bridgette Lorraine Alexander-Johnson** (CO60155164) and placed her certification on probation for three years. She was convicted of theft on more than one occasion, and making false statements to a public servant. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In July 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Tracy L. Douglass** (NC10079005) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly took 30 vicodin from a patient and sold them to a family member. She was convicted of theft.

In July 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Patricia Jane Downs** (NC10046825) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to provide perineal care to a patient in a timely manner after the patient was incontinent.

In July 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Joy Ann Herman** (CO60172059) and placed her certification on probation until March 2012. In March 2007 her credential to practice as a registered counselor was placed on probation. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In July 2010 the Registered Counselor Program released **Vickie L. Maggitt** (RC60026767) from terms and conditions set against her registration.

In July 2010 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacy technician **Chelsea L. Tallman** (VA00046871) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly forged several prescriptions for controlled substances and legend drugs, participated in presenting them at various pharmacies, kept and consumed some of the drugs, and distributed many of the drugs for profit. She was also convicted of solicitation to possess a controlled substance.

### **Skagit County**

In July 2010 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Terri L. Sitko** (LP00019376) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly worked while under the influence of alcohol.

### **Snohomish County**

In July 2010 the Medical Commission charged physician **Stephen R. Yarnall** (MD00008510) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against his Washington license.

### **Spokane County**

In July 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program placed the certification of certified nursing assistant **Clare L. Marshall** (NC10077571) on probation for 18 months. She allegedly made inappropriate comments to a patient related to his penis, and spanked another patient's briefed buttocks. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In July 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Deana Rae Storseth** (NA60003626) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly took a patient's credit card without the patient's permission and purchased about \$260 of goods for herself, and attempted to fill a patient's prescription for a controlled substance without permission with intent to distribute.

### **Thurston County**

In July 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Norma L. Azurin** (NC10052846) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of theft on more than one occasion, and obtaining a signature by deception or duress.

In July 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program placed the certification of certified nursing assistant **Olivia D. Foley** (NC10090844) on probation for four years. She was convicted of unlawful possession of a legend drug and pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In July 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Lorena Kay Mize** (CO60167081) and placed her certification on probation for two years. She was convicted of theft — domestic violence, and possession of a controlled substance — methamphetamine. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

### **Whitman County**

In July 2010 the Unlicensed Practice Program issued a notice of intent to issue cease and desist order to **Gayle Eversole**, also known as Carole Wesley. She allegedly represented herself as a nurse and naturopathic physician. She has never held a license to practice as a naturopathic physician in Washington, and her nursing license has been suspended since 2000.

### **Yakima County**

In July 2010 the Licensed Mental Health Counselor Program released **Mark E. Heeringa** (LH00008002) from terms and conditions set against his license.

### **Out of State**

**Oregon:** In July 2010 the Nursing Commission entered into an agreed order with registered nurse **Susan I. Pryce** (RN00074680). She failed to comply with a previous order. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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